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Boaters Urged to Help Protect the Waterbodies They Use

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services wants to alert boaters to use caution when re-fueling their vessels to prevent polluting New Hampshire's waterbodies. With the summer months upon us, recreational activities sustained by our water sources have increased along with our fueling costs. Boaters are urged to make use of the designated fuel stations at marinas whenever possible. These locations are specifically equipped for fueling, spill prevention, and spill reporting procedures. Using an approved portable container for gasoline may be safe for transportation, but it increases the risk of spilling and over-filling when fueling on the water or contaminating the boat's bilge water.

Recreational boating has increased significantly over the past ten years. An increase in boater activity means potential increases of pollutants to New Hampshire waters. The Department of Environmental Services is responsible for keeping our waters clean for recreational activities and is asking the boater community to do their part in keeping our waters free from harmful contaminants. Waste such as litter, fish remains, sewage, fuels, boat soap products, contaminated bilge water and assorted boat maintenance products are regulated through the state's Water Quality Standards, RSA-485-A:8.

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